



# ***Telehealth Policy Context***

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# ***Some Problems Addressed***

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**Barriers of time and distance**

**Professional shortages**

**Disparities in access**

**Quality of care**

**ER and other in-person overuse**

**Costs of delivery**

**Convenience and patient choice**

# ***Major Policy Issues***

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**Care coordination**

**Payment innovations**

**PPACA implementation**

**Medicare + Medicaid**

**EHR / HIE**

**Licensure**

**Broadband deployment**

**Health technology**

# ***Major State Issues***

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**State budget**

**Medicaid – no restrictions**

**Other state-paid**

**State employees**

**Corrections**

**Telehealth-provided covered services**

**Licensure**

**HIE & EHRs**

# ***Medicare Law Barriers***

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**Only rural counties for video**

**No store & forward in “lower 48”**

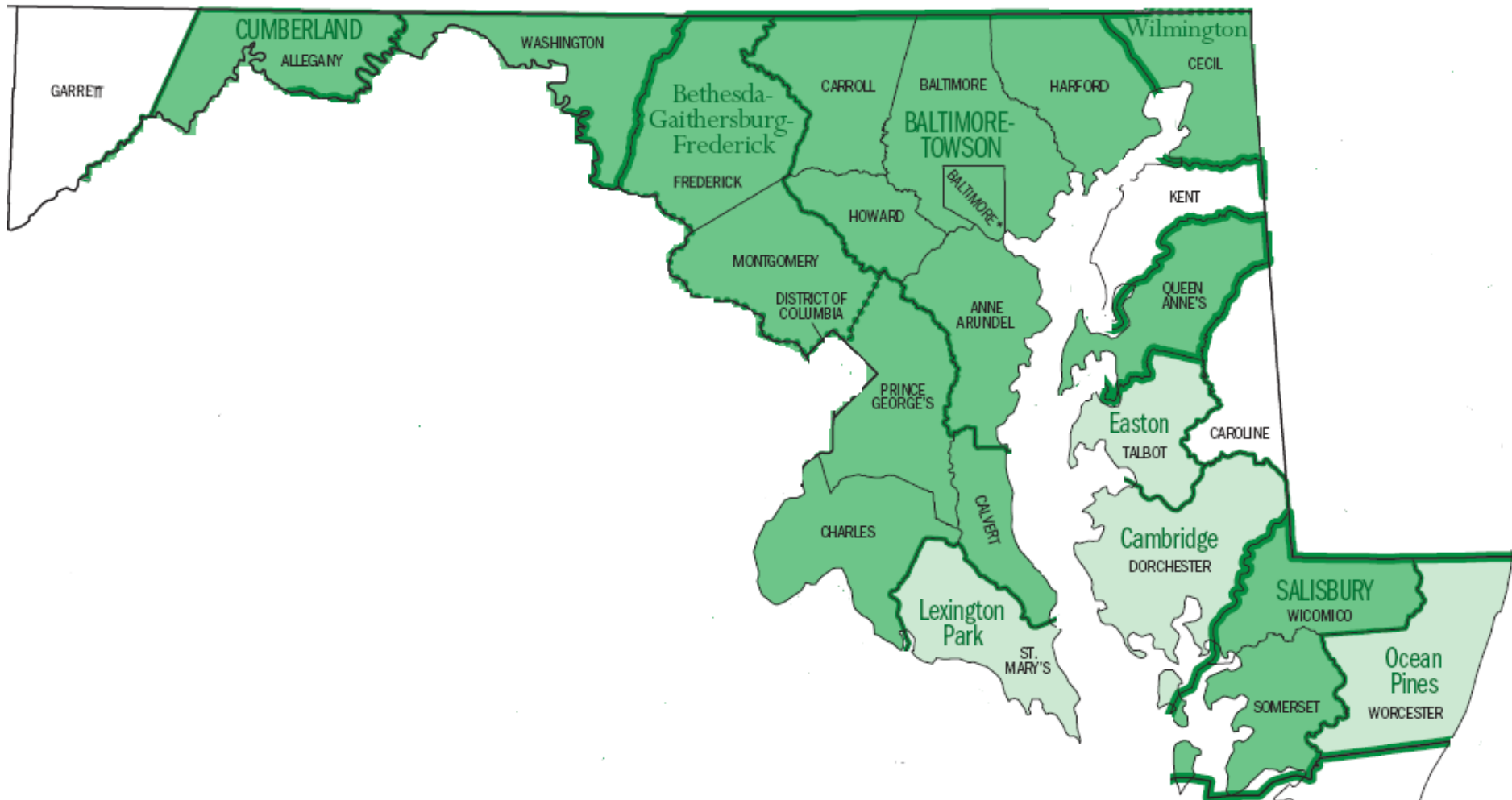
**No remote patient monitoring**

**Limited originating sites**

**Limited providers**

**Only specific procedures**

# ***Medicare Not “Dark Green”***



# ***Medicare-Medicaid Issues***

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**Medicare & Medicaid integration**

**Payment & service innovation**

- **CMS Innovation Center**

**Care coordination – teams, HIE**

- **Accountable care orgs**

- **Independence at Home demo**

**Medicare and Medicaid “savers”**

# ***Other Federal Action***

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**Spending / budget**

**FCC telecomm**

**rural health**

**wireless**

**EHR meaningful use**

**VA telehealth**

**FDA medical devices**



# ***State of Maryland Opps***

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**Insurance mandate**

**Medicaid**

**CMMI**

**FCC rural health**



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